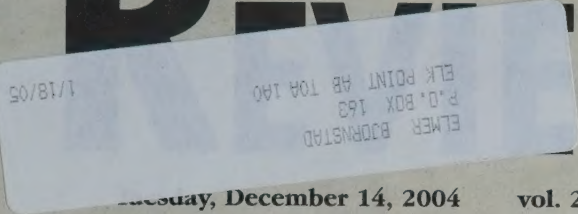




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Extravaganza shoppers come from far and wide Committee members tally up results of a successful evening



Shoppers from here, there and everywhere came to Elk Point to shop during Elk Point Chamber of Commerce Christmas Extravaganza on November 26. The hard-working Extravaganza committee met one last time last week in Northern Lights Library System's board room to count all the draw slips and tally up totals of shoppers from each surrounding community. From left to right are Sandy Woytkiw, Shirley Harms, Myra Boothman, Sandy Smith, Mircea Panciuk, Len Cole, Gillian Cousins, Lesia Porcina and Rod Randall.

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

It was a long evening of counting for the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce Extravaganza committee, as they sorted the contents of the prize draw barrel to determine the origin of November 26th shoppers.

A total of 2,944 draw slips were deposited that evening, with 70.6 percent of the total coming from Elk Point and surrounding areas, 9.5 percent coming from the St. Paul area, 8.9 percent from Heinsburg, Frog Lake and Fishing Lake, 2.4 percent from Vermilion and Clandonald, 2.1 percent from Derwent, 1.6 percent from Bonnyville and Kehewin and one percent each from Marwayne and Myrnam.

Shoppers also came from much farther afield, including Edmonton, St. Albert, Slave Lake, Calgary, Valleyview and Priddis, Alberta, Hague, Rocanville and Paradise Hill, SK and Kelowna, BC. While there were no out-of-country entrants, one entrant lives just a stone's throw from the US border, in Coutts, Alberta.

With each slip reflecting at least a \$5 purchase, Chamber president Rod Randall calculates the late-night shopping event added at least \$14,720 to the local economy, plus at least \$12,529 spent by the committee on prizes, advertising, entertainment and capital costs for stage renovations and computer printer.

Next year we'll...

Ideas for next year's Extravaganza were plentiful, as committee members suggested ways for improvements and new features for the event.

The committee is considering expanding the shopping promotion to multiple days, with draw slips given out to shoppers over that time to give everyone additional chances at the main prizes. To save time on distribution and returning draw boxes, they may be replaced with one main draw barrel, where shoppers could deposit all their draw slips right up to draw time.

If the event is extended over several days, the traditional Extravaganza activities would still be held on Friday evening as a grand finale. An earlier time slot and a longer route for the parade, possibly 6 p.m., would allow more time for wagon rides, photos with Santa and entertainment. The fireworks would also be moved ahead, but would be held after the prize draws as a true grand finale.

A solution to parking congestion and difficulty in getting around to various venues was suggested, in the form of a shuttle bus, which could provide easy access to the high school craft show and highway businesses, and allow parking at the arena and other sites outside the downtown core.

This year's digital photos were a vast improvement over the Polaroids of previous years, although the printing process took longer than expected. Photos with Santa coordinator Lesia Porcina said most of the parents were "very impressed with the quality of the pictures, and didn't mind waiting to get them later in the week." Santa survived the lengthy lineup of lap-sitters and may need a much bigger sleigh to fulfill all their requests, according to his wife and chief assistant. A roomier venue with more space for lineups and double doors for easier access has been suggested.

Children of all ages thoroughly enjoyed the bale maze, a new addition to this year's lineup. Suggestions for improvements include surrounding the maze with snow fencing to limit access points, and having adult or older teen supervision to enhance the safety aspect. It was also noted that constructing and taking down the maze took a considerable amount of time, and may only be practical if it could be used for a longer period of time.

Concerts, Cantata usher in the Christmas season

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The sights and sounds of Christmas will be everywhere this week, as Elk Point and district residents enjoy four concerts and a cantata.

Elk Point Elementary School has a pair of Christmas concerts coming up tomorrow and Thursday afternoons, beginning at 1 p.m., with the Kindergarten B group joining the 'A' classes for the Wednesday concert and Kindergarten A and the 'B' and 'C' classes performing Thursday. Doors open at 12 noon both days. The ECS will be holding their annual Christmas bag raffle both days, and

Thursday's program will also include the draw for Grade 5A's loonie stocking.

Elk Point Community Choir will continue their tuneful tradition, with another pair of concerts, Thursday and Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Seniors Recreation Centre. Tickets are available at Home Town Grocers and from choir members.

The finest voices from several local church congregations will come together to wrap up the week-end with Elk Point's Interdenominational Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 19, 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church.

Turn on your lights - tomorrow's the night!

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce will once again be holding their annual Christmas Lighting and Decorating contest for homes and institutions in Elk Point.

Judges will be out and about after tomorrow night's Chamber of Commerce meeting, and will tour the entire town looking for the best display of lights and Christmas decor in both residential and institutional categories.

First, second and third prizes will be awarded in each category as a recognition of the effort local residents put into lighting up the community for Christmas.

Each year, the judges have a more challenging duty as displays become more colorful and elaborate, including the

latest in Christmas decorating materials and technology.

**Please leave your lights on
until at least 9:30 p.m. to allow
the judges to make their deliberations.**

The Chamber of Commerce appreciates the efforts of its 50-plus members and all the local residents and organizations who make the community a bright and beautiful scene for the Christmas season.

Tomorrow night's meeting is the last for the year, and

will consist of a short business meeting followed by dinner and a social hour. All Chamber members are encouraged to attend and enjoy a festive meal with their fellow members.

The Chamber is already planning for 2005, with the nominating committee seeking out candidates for president and vice-president, and committees gathering ideas for potential centennial projects to celebrate and commemorate Alberta's 100th birthday.

One of the Chamber's goals is to increase not only membership, but participation by members, and suggestions of ways to increase attendance at Chamber meetings would be more than welcome.

School board sets policies for temporary employees

By JAY GUTTERIDGE

Review Staff

To take leave or not to take leave?

That question may be pondered a little more by temporary employees of St. Paul Education Regional Division in the future.

The school board set an official policy regarding leave for these employees at its meeting on Dec. 8.

The board decided to allow for a paid leave for temporary employees only in cases of bereavement for immediate family members and jury duty. Also, the division will pay for health-related leaves on a pro-rated basis, depending on how long the employee has worked there. All other leaves for temporary employees will be unpaid.

A temporary employee is defined as someone who is employed by the board for less than three-months.

The issue was introduced at the meeting by secretary-treasure Jean Champagne, who said the board had no policy up to that point. It sparked a lengthy debate as the trustees weighed their options.

"They could be here for two weeks, but spend one week in the hospital," said Trustee Darrell Youngmans of the disadvantages of granting paid leave. He also noted that if the leave is paid, the board could end up paying three people: a regular teacher on leave, a substitute on leave and another substitute to do the job.

However, others at the meeting expressed concerns about unpaid leaves in certain situations.

"Some leaves are more sensitive; if someone's child passes away, or their mom passes away or their dad passes away," said director of education Lorraine Tchir.

Youngmans moved that the board not pay for leaves for temporary employees. Trustee Steve Upham amended that motion to include paid leave for bereavement in certain instances as well as jury duty and illness on a pro-rated basis. The motion was approved as amended.

Trustee Doug Millar abstained from the discussion and vote due to a possible conflict of interest.

Provincial tests

Division students' results on provincial tests remained

fairly consistent last school year, the board heard.

Director of education Lorraine Tchir presented the Diploma and Achievement Results Summary, 2003-2004.

"Overall, we are pleased with improvement trends shown in several areas," the report reads. "We will continue to set local targets for increased student achievement and schools are committed to help students get there."

The results met or exceeded local targets in most cases on the achievement tests. The diploma exam results show most of the divisions' high school students meeting the acceptable standard in all areas, with particularly strong results in English and social studies.

However, the division's results are behind the provincial results in most areas.

The results in the report are division-wide, and don't necessarily reflect individual school results, noted superintendent Doug Yeo in an interview after the meeting.

The board approved the report.

Electoral reform

The board is still examining the possibility of restructuring to include designated Catholic representation.

"What we want to do is we want to include electoral districts guaranteeing Catholic representation on the board," said Yeo in an interview after the meeting.

The districts would be similar to the one currently established for Glen Avon School, except they would cover the whole division.

The board is currently waiting for Minister of Education Gene Zwozdesky to review the issue.

The board approved the idea in principle some time ago, but Youngmans suggested they review it in depth. Yeo agreed and the board will examine the proposal more in the new year.

Lions football

The St. Paul Lions football team may be moving homes again, and they're taking precautions in case they are.

The board received a request from the Lions regarding the portable at St. Paul Regional High School.

The Lions could lose the new locker room they received this season in the space where the Little Saints Daycare used to be, as the division may eventually need that space.

"If and when the need for the surplus portable runs out, the Lions are interested in using it (as a dressing room)," said Champagne.

"There are other schools that may need portables, such as Heinsburg or the Mennonite school," said Yeo.

However, the division would like to get beyond the need for portables, said Champaign.

"I don't think we want to use them for the next 10 years," he said.

The board accepted the letter for consideration.

Reminder...

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce meets
Wed., Dec. 15, 6 p.m. at the Empress

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Unique phenomenon for Elk Point BPOE

On a very cold December 7th Elks meeting night, 2004, a very unique phenomenon occurred, one that will probably never happen again in my lifetime, at least. Our very own, Elks District Deputy Bro. Walter Jendruck, appeared on the occasion of his official visit, bringing news and greetings from Grand Lodge. But what was even more special, was that our very own member, now Provincial President Bro. Michael Chubey also made his official visit on behalf of the Provincial Elks Association. In the picture above, Bro. Dwayne Yaremkeyich serving as Esquire, and Leading Knight, Bro. Lorn Berg, introduced both visitors. Exalted Ruler, Bro. Allan Berg ceremoniously passes over the gavel to Provincial President Bro. Michael Chubey as the meeting gets underway. Lecturing Knight, Bro. Lane Lorenson (at right) and the rest of the Lodge applaud their presence.

CONTRIBUTED BY BRO. LAWRENCE PIDUZYNY



Review office closed Dec. 24 for long holiday weekend

The Elk Point Review office will be closed on Friday, December 25 to allow staff to enjoy a long holiday weekend. The office will reopen Tuesday, December 28.

Advertisers and contributors are asked to have their material in by 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 23 for inclusion in the Tuesday, December 28 edition.

The December 28 edition will also include the 2004 Beautiful Babies page, with deadline for submissions this Friday.

Normal deadlines will apply for the January 4, 2004 edition.

The Review's management and staff wish all our

readers and advertisers a happy holiday season and a happy and prosperous new year in 2005.

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EDITORIAL

On the eleventh day before Christmas...

We probably won't have eleven pipers piping, but this week, we shall have Christmas music wherever we go, with two concerts at the Elementary School, two Community Choir concerts, musical entertainment for the students after the High School's Christmas dinner, special programs for Sunday schoolers at the various churches, and the Interfaith Cantata. Our hearts will soar with the glorious sounds of our favorite carols, and feet will tap to the rhythm of 'The Little Drummer Boy' and other lively songs of the season.

The concerts and programs will give us the opportunity to sit down and take a breather from the hustle and bustle which marks this final full week before Christmas. There is so much to do, so many errands to run and details to take care of, and it seems that as the days get shorter, our lists get longer.

A piece of advice from exercise class comes to mind: "don't forget to breathe." People doing exercises tend to be concentrating so hard on their efforts that they hold their breath, when they need oxygen the most, and it isn't too far a stretch to consider that we might do likewise when we are putting a maximum effort into shopping, cleaning and rushing around.

So, everyone, stop and take a deep breath....

WAY BACK WHEN

High tenders and holiday hijinks

HEADLINES FROM THE FILES OF THE ELK POINT REVIEW AND THE LAKELAND REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14 IN....

1984

Elk Point Town council opened ten tenders for their new municipal library and were dismayed to find all of them far exceeded their \$144,000 budget allotment for the project. The lack of candidates for president and secretary for the 1985 Chamber of Commerce executive left nominating committee chairman Frank Mayner wondering "How can our community move forward without leaders?"

1989

The Chamber was all set for Christmas Extravaganza, with almost 30 businesses booked to be part of the Extravaganza bingo and shopping spree contests. Town Council gave first reading to a bylaw providing for rezoning 30 acres in the north subdivision to allow building of an agricultural pavilion and recreation area.

1994

There were some goings on at F. G. Miller High School, and on a school night, too, as teachers and principal starred as milkmaids, leaping lords and other characters from "The 12 Days of Christmas" at the school's fine arts night. Cooperative property owners who prepaid frontage charges helped the Town save over \$3,000 in interest on a debenture.

1999

Rural residents were invited to participate in the Chamber's annual Christmas lighting and decorating contest, and were advised to register for judging. A balmy evening, a petting zoo, a gingerbread house decorating contest and two giant trees decked with lights helped make Extravaganza '99 "the best of the century."

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GUEST COLUMN

Christmas: a time of traditions

Christmas is the one time of the year where tradition exists in various ways and styles. No matter what religion, culture or nation, tradition will always be a part of the month of December. One tradition in December is the celebration of Christmas. Christians all over the world celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and what his birth means to them on December 25th.

Another tradition is the tradition of acknowledging "Father Christmas". Father Christmas is based on a real person, St. Nicholas, which explains his other name, "Santa Claus" (which comes from the Dutch "Sinterklaas"). Nicholas was a Christian leader from Turkey in the fourth century. He was very shy, and wanted to give money to poor people without them knowing about it. It is said that one day, he climbed the roof of a house and dropped a purse of money down the chimney. It landed in the stocking which a little girl had put to dry by the fire. This may explain the belief that Father Christmas comes down the chimney and places gifts in the children's stockings. "Father Christmas" has become the human face of Christmas. Around Christmas time, pictures of the old man with his long white beard, red coat and bag of toys can be spotted just about anywhere.

In the food area, some people have a tradition of serving plum pudding. The first plum puddings were made in the 1600s and were not made of plums. The pudding was a stiff porridge to which was added lumps of meat, dried fruits, butter, sugar, eggs, spices, rum and brandy. It was prepared weeks before Christmas. I was able to go to the Internet and

find a recipe for a Christmas pudding or plum pudding from England. These people actually make this pudding by early November.. At the end of Christmas Day, after having listened to the Queen's Christmas message, the plum pudding is brought out to be enjoyed for tea on the stroke of five, as one raises a drop of port to toast the Queen! Anyway, with a much simpler recipe that was handed down in my family, I would like to share with you my grandmother's recipe for Christmas pudding. Our family had this for dessert after our Christmas turkey dinner.

Christmas Pudding

- 1 1/2 cups bread crumbs
- 2 cups suet
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup sour milk
- 1 cup raisins
- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. allspice
- 1 tsp. cloves

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Put in its own container in a larger pot of water on top of the stove and steam for 2 1/2 hours. Serve warm with the following sauce:

- 2 cups brown sugar
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 1 tsp. rum flavouring or vanilla
- 3 cups water

Melt butter in saucepan, stir in flour until well blended. Add brown sugar and water. Boil for 5 to 10 minutes. Add flavouring. Serve hot over pudding. Enjoy.

"At the end of Christmas Day, after having listened to the Queen's Christmas message, the plum pudding is brought out to be enjoyed for tea..."

- Deanna Easthope



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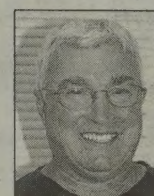
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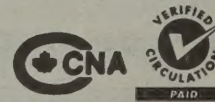


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Excellent efforts by minor hockey teams, top skaters

Close only counts in horseshoes. That's true, but it depends how you look at it. In some cases even when you lose, you don't feel that bad because you know you did the best you could. The midget girls Storm played their heart out on Saturday afternoon against the number one team in the North Central League, the undefeated team out of Irma, losing 1 to 0. The whole team played exceedingly well, fore-checking and back-checking hard, but in my book, goaltender Amber Axley was without a doubt the first star in this game. She played an outstanding game, facing 39 shots, the only one to get past her was on a two-on-one situation when the Storm got caught on a line change late in the second period. Even when the Storm were two women short late in the third period, she never weakened, still coming up with the big stops, still giving the Storm the chance to tie this one up, which Catherine "the great" Campbell almost did with only a few seconds left. In this game close counts for something, this team just earned Irma's respect as a contender. Sunday afternoon the Storm were in Cold Lake coming home with a four all tie. Eryl Anton Roberts with two,

Catherine "the great" Campbell and Ashley Holo-waychuk getting singles.

A big showdown at high noon on Sunday at the Dome, the Avalanche taking on their rivals from St. Paul, the same team they defeated two weeks before in a shootout, the Avalanche coming out on top in this one 9 to 7. Trevor "the kid" Ballas with four, Brandon "the roadrunner" Rainey with



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five goals. Tori "T-rex" Becker, Logan "back-checker" Becker, Jamie "fuzzie" Wozniak and Wyatt "mad dog" Dewan all assisting. Some noticeable improvement from defensemen Jarred Vallee, Dawson Lowry, Taylor Dion-Abraham, and also forwards Lois Dion, Raven Quinney, Skyler Ewasiuk and Kody Knopp.

A busy weekend for the novice Hurricanes, who played in Vermilion on Saturday, winning 11 to 5. Beaudon Rogers lighting it up for six goals, linemates Jarredd McGilvery and Rylan Buffalo adding a goal

each, Ryley "the coyote" Wozniak with a hat trick.

On Sunday the Hurricanes hosted the tier one team out of Lloydminster losing a close back and forth battle. Beaudon Rogers with a hat trick and two assists, Ryley "the coyote" Wozniak with two goals and three assists, his brother Corey "greased lightning" Wozniak adding two goals, Rylan Buffalo with two goals and an assist, Jarredd McGilvery with a goal, and Kelsey Vinge adding another one. Always ready for the call, brother Brayden Vinge getting the goal-tending assignment for

both games this past weekend and doing an outstanding job of it. Over in St. Paul on Sunday afternoon the midget Canadiens skated to a 3-all tie against Lloydminster. Nicky "the sniper" Myshaniuk and Brett "bad news" Young-hans each scoring one.

In peewee "B" action, the St. Paul team with Quillan "cowboy" Lowry, Tanner "stomping Tom" Shankowski, Dylan "in your face" Loughran in the line up, and in the net Brenden "the puck stops here" Bishop, going to the A final in a tournament

in Kitscoty losing a close game to St. Walburg. Good job boys!

Some big skating news from our friends in Edmonton, Helen Ramful and her partner finished forth place in western finals held in Mississauga and will now compete in the Junior Canadian National final in Quebec in February. Daylan Hoffman will also be competing at the National final.

Coming up this week, on Wednesday Dec 15th, the Elk Point Minor Hockey monthly meeting at 7p.m. Everyone is always welcome.

And now for the K. A. Campbell's quote of the week. "I love playing there. Some guy once threw a trailer hitch at me. They're a different breed of fan, but that gets me going. I won't miss the cockroaches. I wonder how long it will take before they cross the street." Last week's answer to: "For when the great Scorer comes/ To write against your name/ He writes not that you won or lost/ But how you played the game." - Grantland Rice, legendary sportswriter for the 1920's

Do you have any scoops? Now you can email them to sportsound007@hotmail.com

FGM getting ready for Christmas

Hello there to all. We are all getting ready for Christmas; students and staff will be out of school on Friday for the holidays. In the news this week: interim reports were sent out, I attended a journalism seminar, the Students



stephanie KONDLA
F. G. Miller High

Union has their annual food bank and Santa's Anonymous collection, and the Christmas brunch is planned. Student achievement is always being reported. The students received interim reports in their core subjects yesterday. The parents are reminded to collect them from their children. But just in case the interim reports don't make it home, student marks can also be reviewed on line. School marks on line is a great way to see how a child is doing in school. The web address is <http://sas.sperd.ca/saspublicweb>. Parents and students both have login names and passwords that will give them access to up-to-date marks in individual classes, upcoming exams and more. The passwords are available to students via the Library.

I went to a student journalism seminar on Friday, November 26 with my teacher, Mrs. Bintz, and my friend Michelle Zapesocki. It was held at the Telus Building at the University of Alberta. The session I enjoyed the most was on Entertainment Reviews. The journalist that was doing the session said he really liked writing for the paper. He especially enjoys the

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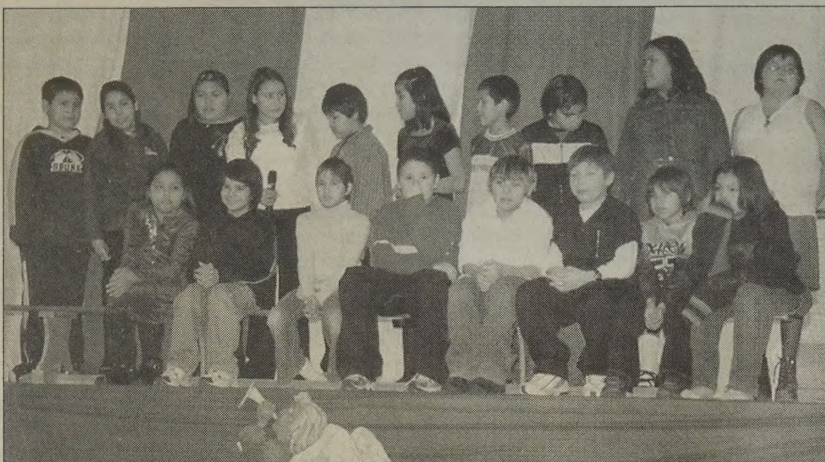
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The Holy Family rests in the stable as an angel appears to shepherds tending their flock in the Grade 5-6 presentation.

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Grade 4/5 students compiled their Christmas lists in rhyme in their number, "Dear Santa."

Founding forum for Alberta's Young Farmers

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On January 6, 2005, the Wild Rose Agricultural Producers in partnership with the Alberta 4-H Program will present the founding convention of the Alberta Young Farmers Forum (AYFF).

The AYFF is a provincial organization that will be formed to create an opportunity for young adults on farm, in college or in the agriculture industry to meet and exchange beneficial

information. Through affiliations with existing agricultural groups, the AYFF will also provide a venue for discussion and the cultivation of new idea regarding farming practices and the future of farming.

The Alberta Young Farmers Forum is targeted towards young adults ages 18 - 30, however it is being held at the same time as the Wild Rose Agricultural Producers Annual Conference and is open to all members

of the community and everyone is welcome. Guest speakers include government and industry specialists and the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Agriculture, Andy Mitchell and Doug Horner.

The conference is to be held at the Executive Royal Inn in Nisku, Alberta and will feature an evening banquet hosted by CISC disc jockey Chris Scheetz.

For more information or to register, contact: Renee Beliveau, 4-H Marketing and Resource Specialist (780) 422-1834.

Heinsburg Elementary hosts a merry little concert

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

"We've already had minus 35 degree weather, now we have snow and sunshine, and there are only six more days of school until Christmas," enthused Heinsburg Community School principal Carl Christensen, as he welcomed parents, younger siblings, older students and "the stars of the afternoon" to the school's Elementary Christmas concert on Thursday.

Young guitarists Darryl Fisher and Raven Quinney played a number of seasonal favorites as students and guests arrived in a gymnasium bordered with handmade bells, trees, stockings, ornaments, angels and Santas. All joined in the singing of O Canada, and many in a Cree prayer led by Cecile Dion.

Grade 4 and 5 students recited a very special "Dear Santa" letter, pledging that they would "all do our best to spread your cheer."

Raven Quinney and Aaron Stanley narrated the Grade 5 and 6 presentation of "The Christmas Story" with students displaying wonderfully detailed cutouts of the Holy Family, angels, shepherds, wise men, animals and the all-

important star against a starry night sky background as the story unfolded. Talented teacher Peter Rasmussen created the cutouts. The narrators also played "Good King Wenceslaus" on recorder as the shepherds retreated and the wise men started their journey.

A special added attraction at the concert was Grade 11 student Malantha Abraham, singing "Little Toy Trains."

A choir made up of Grades K to 5 students started off with four traditional carols, "Away in a Manger," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World." The audience was invited to join them in "Jingle Bells," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" to bring the concert to a festive close.



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Malantha Abraham told a wonderful tale of "Little Toy Trains."

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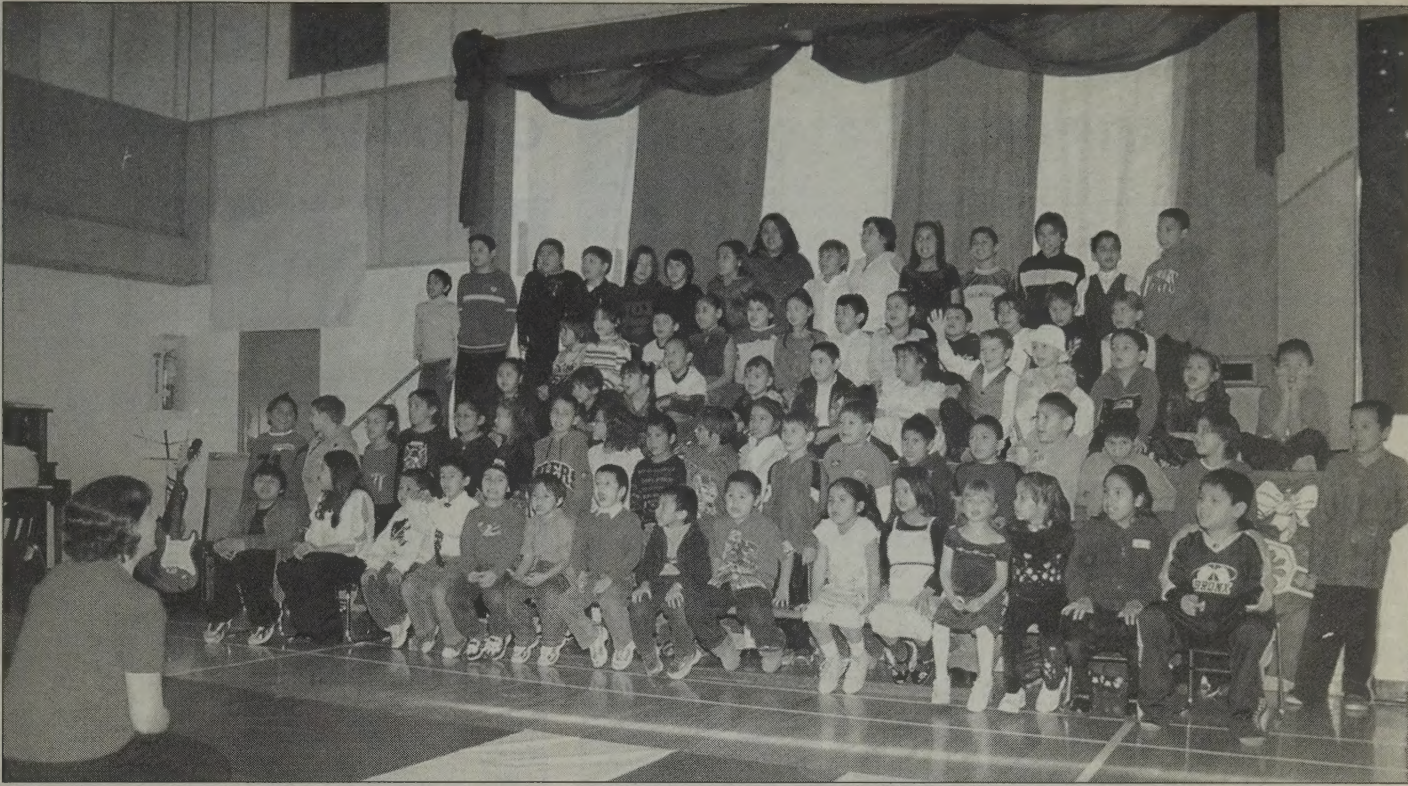
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Singing songs of Christmas

Heinsburg Community Choir's K-5 choir delighted the concert audience of parents, younger siblings and older students with a medley of favorite Christmas carols, then invited the audience to join them in a festive sing-along.

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School trips approved by board

Students from two schools will likely be heading on trips in the new year: one group to another province, the other to another country.

The St. Paul Education Regional Division school board approved the trips subject to board policy at its meeting on Dec. 8.

A group from Ashmont Secondary School is planning a trip to Costa Rica.

"Is Costa Rica a stable country?" asked Trustee Ron Rudkowsky.

"Relatively," said principal's association representative Carl Christensen. Others at the meeting also said it is stable.

A Government of Canada Web site outlining travel advisories will be monitored leading up to the trip.

The other trip is an annual exchange to Quebec involving students from F. G. Miller High School.

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Birders prepare for 105th annual Christmas bird count

By PAUL E. BOISVERT
Review contributor

Birders in St. Paul and surrounding area are invited to participate in a tradition which began in 1900 when members of the Audubon Society decided it would be far better to go out and count birds during the holiday season than to participate in their slaughter.

For the 16th consecutive year, residents of the St. Paul area will be out during the upcoming holiday season counting the birds that have decided to remain in this area over this winter season. This count is open to the residents of the Town or County of St. Paul.

Some modifications have been made to the manner in which this count will be tabulated this year. Birders can spend whatever hours they choose on field observations or doing a feeder-watch on Sunday, January 2. The numbers garnered on that day alone will be used to determine the official Christmas Bird Count (CBC) which is submitted to Bird Studies Canada, the liaison group with the Audubon Society.

For the purposes of compiling winter species numbers in this area, birders can

do observations at anytime between December 16 and January 4. All observations done on any day or days within this window will be attached as an addendum to the Official CBC January 2 count.

The information garnered by this yearly activity is another vital source of data for those who are studying the status of our environment. The bird population is a good indicator of a number of elements in our world today. It is therefore important to gathered data regardless of a number of species or individual birds.

We believe that this activity provides an opportunity for some friendly family or neighbourly challenges. Who counts the most species or the greatest number of birds? Why not entertain your holiday visitors by having them join you in this activity?

Tally sheets for this year's count can be picked up in the Recreation Office (Community Services) in the St. Paul town hall, by contacting Paul at 645-3409, or by email at hawkowl@telus.net.

Watch the Elk Point Review for results of the winter bird count.

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Angels and lacy hearts...

Lace-trimmed angels, hearts and potpourri-filled balls are among the handcrafted ornaments trimming a romantic tree created by Faye Poitras, one of the crafters who attended Saturday's sale at the Windsor Club in Riverview.

New Catholic arts college proposed for Derwent

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Ken Noster, chair of the board of directors of a proposed new Catholic arts college, reports that the first in a province-wide series of informational sessions regarding the college was held November 27 at the college site near Derwent.

Living Water College of the Arts is currently under construction one mile east and one mile south of Derwent, and Noster says the location is "a most unlikely spot, were it not for the fact that we were looking to provide serenity and

solitude for the students and staff."

A steering committee has been formed to develop a fundraising campaign team, with representation from all regions of the province.

"There is much hard work to be done," Noster says, "but due to the dedication of the board and the committee, we are at the stage where we want to share the vision and seek the support of Albertans and Canadians," and to encourage them to participate in development of the college.

Living Water College of

the Arts will be a professional arts college devoted to excellence in the celebration of the close alliance between the artist and the source of creativity, God. The college will offer a three-year liberal arts program, professional artistic development and Christian formation. The focus of the school is vocational art development, and the vision includes diploma programs in visual, literary and performing arts, with film and sound recording on the agenda as future classes.

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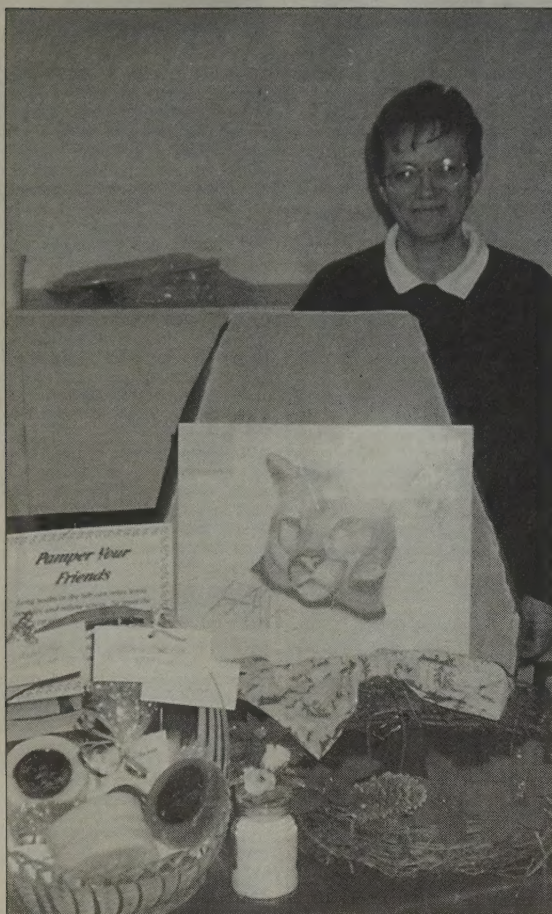
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FGM ready for Christmas

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rock concerts and going to see the new movies. I would also enjoy that type of journalism; I like movies and concerts. After the seminar, going shopping was also great. I would like to go again sometime soon with Mrs. Bintz. It was the best.

The Students' Union has their annual food bank and Santa's Anonymous collection. They are collecting non-perishable food items and toys until this Friday. We are asking any community members that would like to support this great and worthy cause to drop off any donations to the office at the school. The students and staff thank you in advance for your support.

Our school is having their annual Christmas brunch this Friday. The Students' Union, Grade 12 students, parents, and staff help to put on the brunch. The brunch will be at 11 a.m. in the gymnasium. In the morning students can attend various activities including skating before the brunch. After lunch, at 1 p.m. there is an entertainment program planned. School is out for Christmas at 2 p.m.

Although school is breaking for Christmas, the students are not quite finished the first semester. They have to come back after Christmas break on January 3 and start to prepare for final exams. The Grade 9s have achievement exams and the Grade 12s will have Diploma exams starting on January 17th. An exam schedule is in the school's monthly newsletter, "The Updater." A copy of the newsletter can be picked up at the office or the library; a copy of this newsletter is sent home with one child from each family in the school.

Until next year, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your school reporter Stephanie Kondla.

Pets as gifts can be a recipe for disaster

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The image of a puppy or kitten under a decorated tree on Christmas morning might seem like a dream come true for many people in reality, however, may be the first step of a potential nightmare. In many homes, the holidays are a hectic time of year with lots of visitors, parties, etc. This can make it a very impractical time to introduce a new pet that needs a lot of attention and a regular schedule. Every year across Canada, holiday animals find their way to shelters or new homes shortly after their purchase, their owners having quickly grown disenchanted with the realities of owning a pet.

Veterinarians, humane societies and reputable breeders will gladly tell anyone that cats and dogs don't make good gifts. Parents might be disappointed by the thought of ruining a holiday surprise, but getting everyone involved in the purchase or adoption of a new pet will ensure everyone agrees with having a new companion; will help increase the chances that the new pet will fit in with the family (especially with children and existing animals); and the extra planning and thought needed to have the whole family involved will help avoid impulse purchases that can lead to problems

down the road.

The potential consequences of purchasing a puppy or a kitten as a gift are numerous, and some can be quite serious. Failing to consider your family, the age of your children and temperament of existing pets, for example, as well as the temperament of your new pet, such as breed, friendliness toward other animals/children, level of activity, could spell disaster: an existing dog could chase or injure a new kitten, or a new puppy could behave aggressively, and maybe eventually even bite children in a household. In other instances, new pet owners discover owning a puppy or kitten can be expensive and time consuming, and surrender their new pet to the animal shelter, where it is put up for adoption.

"We could avoid so many pets being sent to shelters, and maybe even avoid so many tragedies like dog bites if only more thought was put into obtaining a new companion," warns Bob Van Tongerloo, CEO of the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies (CFHS). In addition, purchasing a poorly bred pet from a pet store, a puppy mills or a backyard breeder, for example, can lead to behaviour and health problems requiring high veterinary bills, and many

other issues.

What if your family has researched the issue, and is truly committed to opening the door to a new four-legged member? Instead of bringing home the pet as a gift, why not shop for new pet necessities? Consider wrapping leashes and collars, litter boxes, food and other supplies to put under the tree. If you have extra time off, bring your family to the library or look on-line to research which type of pet or breed would be more appropriate for your family. Then, after the holidays, you can visit your local animal shelter, humane societies and SPCAs have many types of animals of all sizes and breeds, including, at times, purebreds. Or, if your heart is set on a purebred animal, you can also take the holidays to research and meet good breeders in your area. The National Companion Animal Coalition, of which the CFHS is a founding member, has developed the "Checklist for Acquiring a Dog" to help you find a dog from a reliable source.

Waiting until after the holidays to get your new pet might make you feel like you're missing out on your picture perfect holidays this year, but it's a great way to

help ensure you'll still be enjoying those special times when next Christmas rolls around!

If Christmas truly is a quiet time in your home, it may just be a perfect time to introduce a new pet as you have extra time holidays to allow the animal to get settled in, but only if you have seriously considered and researched the pet you will be adding. Also, please be aware of how much time and energy pets require, especially puppies, and be realistic about your holiday schedule.

As the national voice on animal welfare issues, CFHS represents over 100 member societies and speaks collectively for more than 400,000 individuals. CFHS is a charitable organization committed to ending the suffering of animals by working with the public, government, industry, the scientific community, educators and the media on both the national and local levels toward this goal.

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special heart-filled thanks to Rev. Sam Donaldson for officiating at the Service, organist Gabie Bayduza, the Elk Point Seniors Ladies for preparing and serving the lunch; the Drs. Ramful, Oyebode, the nursing staff of the Elk Point Hospital and home care for the excellent care of Dad. Thank you to John and Caroline Yewchin's Funeral Chapel for their help and guidance in our time of need.

"God Bless You All". Your kindness will live in our hearts forever.

Gordon, Diane, Sandra, Barb and Families

Obituary

ELLIOTT, Scott

On December 7, 2004, Mr. Scott Elliott of St. Paul passed away at the age of 32 years.

He is survived by Lesley; 1 son & 2 daughters, Gage Walter Elliott, Kassandra Jane Elliott & Victoria Mary Elliott; his loving parents, Lyle & Lillian Elliott; 2 brothers, Cory (Amber) Elliott & Tyler Elliott; 1 niece & 1 nephew, Kelsy & Logan; his maternal grandfather, Clifford Pederson & his paternal grandparents, Gordon & Mary Elliott. He was predeceased by his maternal grandmother, Violet.

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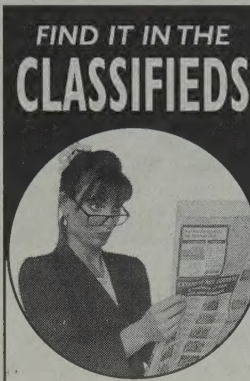
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Elk Point baseball player earns bursary

By JAY GUTTERIDGE
Review Staff

Baseball and creative writing may not seem to have a lot in common, but for one Elk Point man, they go hand in hand.

Joel Leckie recently received one of two \$1,000 Edmonton International Baseball Foundation Ron Hayter Bursaries.

"It's really nice because I've been in baseball for years, so it's good that it's been productive to pay off this way," says Leckie, who is now pursuing an arts degree in English at Taylor University College.

"The bursaries are designed to encourage players, registered with Baseball Alberta, to pursue college or university studies," reads a press release from the EIBF.

Leckie says he's been a member of Baseball Alberta for five years and submitted an application for the bursary through that organization.

He played his baseball in

the Elk Point system, spending his last few seasons playing first base with the midget 'A' Sox. He says he will likely return to the team in a different capacity.

"This summer I'll most likely help coach the midget 'A' Sox. I was asked to be a hitting coach," he says.

Leckie remains involved in athletics at Taylor, playing a version of indoor soccer called Futsal with the school's Alberta Colleges Athletics League team. He also plays community volleyball, and has been involved in karate for 10 years.

"It's really good to get out, be with other people, have fun. It's a really enjoyable experience," says Leckie of his involvement in athletics. "You improve your skills, and show what you know in different areas."

The student-athlete has goals for when he's finished school.

"With my degree I hope

to actually be a freelance writer, writing novels, short stories and that sort of thing," says Leckie. "I may also get into a little bit of the film genre, and editing."

The first-year student says he likes university life.

"It's really fun. I live on campus, and it's a really enjoyable experience to be around other people with similar interests and express ideas."

Healthy living

The Alberta Centre for Active Living offers these 10 tips for becoming physically active:

*Get started with some gentle stretching.

*Explore what types of community activities are available.

*Rely on the support of others if ask a friend to participate with you so you can encourage each other.

*Don't be overly ambitious: set realistic goals.

*Each day, pick, a time of day that's convenient for you and commit to participating in some type of physical activity.

*Mark your activity times on a calendar.

*Try shorter, more frequent sessions rather than the occasional prolonged session.

*Make use of everyday movement opportunities such as taking the stairs instead of the elevator.

*Prepare yourself for a few lapses but don't give up.

*You cannot just eat your way to good health if exercise must go hand-in-hand with good nutrition.

Rodeo continues in St. Paul

By MICHELLE HULEY
Review Staff

St. Paul can look forward to another three years of rodeo fun and action to wrap up the summer after the St. Paul Ag Society confirmed it has once again landed the contract to do so.

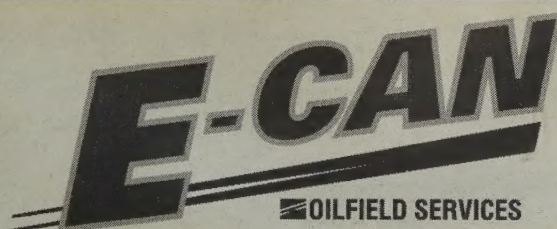
"They wanted to come back to St. Paul. We were first on the list," said Ag Society rodeo chairperson Dorine Kuzma.

The LRA met with St. Paul's Ag Society to firm up the contract on Nov. 18.

The current contract ensures the rodeo finals will remain in St. Paul for another three years. Earlier this fall, there was a bit of unsurety as to whether or not the Ag Society would once again land the contract, with questions raised over the amount of money required for purses.

"They're keeping the contract the same," Kuzma said.

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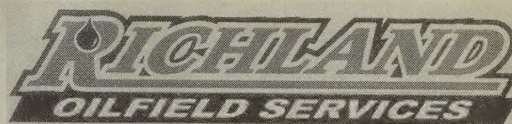
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Christmas time is treat time

Here are some of the recipes from our recent contest.

Early Bird Winner

Jewelled Cookie Slices

By SHIRLEY OSINCHUK

1 1/2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/8 tsp. soda
1/8 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 cup margarine, melted
1/4 cup lightly packed brown sugar
1/3 cup granulated sugar

1 egg, well beaten
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup chopped red and green candied pineapple
2 tbsp. chopped blanched almonds

Sift together first 4 ingredients. Gradually blend next five ingredients, stir in pineapple and almonds, gradually work in flour mixture.

Turn soft dough into wax paper-lined loaf pan (4 1/2" x 8 1/2"), spread evenly, cover, chill.

Cut chilled dough into thin slices. Arrange well apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes. Cool on wire racks.

Cookbook #2 Winner

Simple Sesames

By SIRI LORENSON

2 cups butter
1 1/2 cup sugar
3 cups all purpose flour
1 cup sesame seeds
2 cups shredded coconut
1/2 cup finely chopped almonds

Cream butter. Gradually add sugar and continue beating until light and fluffy. Add flour and mix just until combined. Stir in sesame seeds, coconut and almonds.

Divide dough into thirds. Place each third on wax paper and shape in a long roll 2" in diameter. Wrap and refrigerate. Slice 1/4" thick and bake at 300° for 30 minutes. Makes 4 dozen.

Gingerbread Men

By NORMA LORENSON

Beat until creamy:
3/4 cup margarine
2/3 cup molasses
1/3 cup hot water

Sift together and add to first mixture:
3 cups flour
1 tbsp. ginger
1/2 tsp. soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup white sugar

This makes a soft dough.

Chill thoroughly. Roll quite thin on a



lightly floured surface. Cut into shapes. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes.

You may decorate the men with chocolate chips, mini M&Ms etc., before baking or ice and decorate when cooled. For icing, mix butter, icing sugar, vanilla, milk and food coloring to consistency you want to spread on cookies.

Poppycock

By CONNIE CURREY

Mix together in a large bowl and set aside:

6 cups popped corn
2 cups mixed nuts

Combine in a saucepan:
1 1/3 cups brown sugar
1/2 cup white corn syrup
1 cup butter or margarine

(I find butter gives a better flavour)
Boil, stirring constantly, for 10 to 15 minutes or to the softball stage. Mixture will be light and thick. Remove from heat and add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Pour over popped corn and nuts. Stir until evenly coated. Spread in buttered pans or on wax paper until cool.

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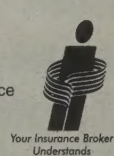
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